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## In the news

## Lottery winners will give Sandy aid

NEW YORK. Two lottery winners vowed to help Sandy victims with their winnings. According to the New York Post, John Cimino, from Garden City Park, Long Island, who won \$33 million, said that he was going to give some of his winnings to victims of the hurricane. Another winner, Donald Gilbert, said that he would donate some of his \$1 million Powerball win.

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## In the news

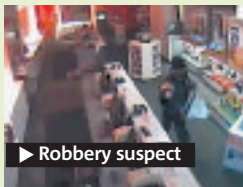


## A new way to recycle paper

MIDTOWN. Now you have a place to recycle your Metro. The Sanitation Department and the East Midtown Partnership set up 21 green cans specifically for newspapers. Many are outside subway stations. East Midtown Partnership president Rob Byrnes called newspapers "a major component in the city's waste stream."

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## In the news



► Robbery suspect

## Cops search for Midtown robber

MIDTOWN. Police are on the trail of a man suspected of robbing three Midtown stores, smashing glass windows to break into two of them. According to the NYPD, the suspect first hit a Fifth Avenue Duane Reade Nov. 15. He was captured on surveillance video stealing several items, including cigarettes and DVDs. Cops said the same man stole merchandise from the AT&T store on Broadway after he smashed a glass window and broke in at 3:30 a.m. on Nov. 26. The man is also suspected of smashing the glass front door and stealing clothes from the Lucky Brand store at 172 Fifth Ave. at 3:30 a.m. on Nov. 28. The suspect can be seen in the surveillance photo to above. ● METRO/CG

## City defends excess emergency hotel rooms

NEW YORK. Mayor Michael Bloomberg on Thursday defended the city's decision to pay for more than 1,000 hotel rooms, including hundreds that remain vacant, for residents whose homes were destroyed or made unlivable by Sandy. The mayor's comments followed a Wall Street Journal report that at one hotel near Times Square, the Milford Plaza, 120 rooms reserved at a nightly rate of \$295 have gone unused, racking up a tab of nearly \$1 million. "It shows that we have the courage to do something that no one has had the courage to do. We've gotten housing for people in case they might need it. But the wonderful thing is, we haven't needed it so far," Bloomberg said. Julie Wood, a Bloomberg spokeswoman, said at least 1,000 residents have been put up in hotels, and said the city has also arranged for a "buffer of rooms" to house people who have no heat or electricity.

REUTERS

# Fast-food workers strike to supersize their wages

Flipping burgers should come with more than seven bucks an hour.

That's what hundreds of fast-food workers said Thursday, when they took a day to protest outside dozens of fast-food establishments, striking because of wages they say are far too low.

The campaign, called Fast Food Forward, is boosted by fair-wage advocates and aims to start a union and ask for \$15 an hour — about twice what Linda Archer makes now.

Archer, 59, told Metro that she is living "paycheck to paycheck" on that salary, which has bumped up 80 cents in the two and a half years she has worked at McDonald's.

"There's no security in it," she said. She got three paid vacation days, she said, but has no health care or paid sick days.

"You can't even afford to get sick," she said.

The Bronx resident was one of dozens that walked out of places like Wendy's, Taco Bell and a McDonald's in Times Square, where Archer works weekend shifts.

Organizers said this was the first time fast-food workers had walked out of kitchens here.

Public Advocate Bill de Blasio and other officials lauded



► Wendy's workers protested outside the restaurant Thursday.

## Quoted

**"I'm more disgusted than anything."**

ARCHER

**"The companies they work for make billions, and yet the workers have a hard time putting food on the table."**

CAMILLE RIVERA, DIRECTOR OF UNITED NEW YORK

the walkout, saying, "We need nothing less than a citywide movement to uplift New Yorkers struggling to make their way into the middle class."

In a statement, McDonald's said, "McDonald's values our employees and has consistently remained committed to them, so in turn they can provide quality service to our customers. We have an open dialogue with our employees and always encourage them to express any concerns or provide feedback, so we can continue to be an even better employer."



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## Photo of cop giving shoes to homeless man goes viral

It was a simple act of kindness on a cold New York night, but it warmed the hearts of thousands of people across the country.

A photo of NYPD officer Larry DePrimo offering boots and socks to a homeless man in Midtown has gone viral, with nearly 80,000 shares from the department's Facebook page.

The image was snapped on the night of Nov. 14 by tourist Jennifer Foster, who was visiting from Arizona when she was struck by the sight of DePrimo kneeling beside the man, offering him the boots and socks and even putting them

on his feet.

The photo was shared 79,270 times by Thursday morning and garnered more than 324,000 "likes."

"You, Mr. Officer, are amazing & show compassion beyond your call of duty. I hope you & your family are blessed ten-fold," one Facebook user said. "By this simple act, you exemplified what we all should strive to be — compassionate humans who care."

"An officer AND a gentleman," another user added.

The department is encouraging other citizens to send in their NYPD snapshots.

● CASSANDRA GARRISON



► A cop delivers shoes.

## Quoted

**"Right when I was about to approach, one of your officers came up behind him. The officer said, 'I have these size 12 boots for you, they are all-weather. Let's put them on and take care of you.'"**

FOSTER, ACCORDING TO THE NYPD'S FACEBOOK PAGE

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# Full train fixes will cost \$4.75B, but MTA says riders won't pay

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► LIRR workers replace concrete track ties after Sandy.

The MTA is promising riders they won't have to shell out any of the \$4.75 billion it will take to fully restore the subway, but straphangers aren't holding their breath.

That staggering price tag is the MTA's estimate for repairing infrastructure damage and getting the subway system in the same shape it was in before Hurricane Sandy hit. The hope is that insurance will dole out \$1 billion and the Federal Emergency Management Agency will cover most of the rest, but the MTA could be burdened with at least \$950 million, which it plans to cover with 30-year bonds.

While MTA Chairman Joseph Lhota promised Wednesday that customers won't be saddled with the bill, the Straphangers Campaign warns the financial plan will eventually lead straight into the pockets of riders.

"Funding these needs by MTA bonds will increase pressure on fares through increased debt service — and it sets a troubling precedent for the funding of the next five-year capital program starting in

**\$950M**  
Even after FEMA help, the MTA anticipates a \$950 million hole.

2015," Straphangers Campaign spokesman Gene Russianoff said. "Bottom line, this puts a lot of pressure on the operating budget and that's not good news for the riding public."

The campaign did commend the MTA for avoiding service cuts in 2013 and sticking to its pledge to restore \$29 million in subway and bus serv-

ice.

Some straphangers have already felt gouged as the result of Sandy — the MTA announced in November there would be no refunds or extensions for people who purchased unlimited MetroCards and were unable to use them during service interruptions due to the storm.

MTA officials are also set to vote on the 2013 budget Dec. 19, which will likely include a fare hike.



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## In the news

### Officials arrest third cop busted so far this week

**NEW YORK.** An NYPD officer was arrested for allegedly digging a key into the side of a man's car, making her the third cop busted this week. Officer Mona Duggal, 28, was charged with criminal mischief Wednesday after she keyed the man's car on 10th Avenue after an argument, causing \$250 in damage, according to the criminal complaint.

Duggal is also accused of sending a text message to the man that read, "HOPE LIKE YOUR CAR WITH PERMANENT STREAKS. ENJOY." She was off duty at the time of the incident, according to the NYPD. Sergeant John Randazzo, 44, was booked on Tuesday for aggravated harassment after cops said he sent menacing text messages to the

mother of his children in May. "I f— wish death upon you, but I love our children," a text message said, according to the criminal complaint.

Randazzo also threatened to report the woman to Internal Affairs, according to the complaint. "If you don't pick up the phone I will send a letter to IAB," he's accused of saying in one text.

Another NYPD sergeant, Besmah Rogers, was arrested Tuesday after she was accused of punching someone in the face while off duty on the Lower East Side. ● **METRO/CG**

### Insurers criticize Cuomo move

**NEW YORK.** Insurers doing business in New York state were in discussions with the state as recently as this week on a voluntary industry response to claims adjustment in the wake of superstorm Sandy, the head of the local trade group said on Thursday. Ellen Melchionni,



Cuomo

president of the New York Insurance Association, told Reuters that the emergency orders issued by Gov. Andrew Cuomo to speed adjustment times were "heavy-handed" and out of line with the response from neighboring states. Gov. Andrew Cuomo on Thursday imposed emergency regulations on insurers to speed the processing of claims from state residents whose properties were damaged or destroyed when superstorm Sandy struck. Among the measures Cuomo unveiled was a requirement reducing the time limit for insurance company claims adjusters to respond to a claim to six days from 15 days. **REUTERS**

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# WASHINGTON LUNCH PALES

## Opinion

### TOM FOREMAN

POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT  
FOR CNN



I've been through some awkward lunches. A midday rendezvous at Arby's with a bitter ex-girlfriend comes to mind, and there was the time I took a colleague to the Golden Corral only to find out he was vegan. Still, it's hard to imagine a repast more painful than that sit-down at the White House this week between President Obama and his recent rival, Mitt Romney. Since cameras were not permitted, I've spent much of the afternoon imagining the conversation.

**M**itt, I'd glad you came," says the president, with a broad smile and an outstretched hand. "The race was long and difficult, but we need to show that even fierce rivals can put aside their differences."  
"I agree, Mr. President. I only wish you'd let me host, because my house is bigger."  
"Which one?"  
"All of them!"  
"Hal Good one, Mitt."

I can well conjure up some other comments: "Yeah, well how about I pick up 47 percent of the tab?" and "How would you know? You weren't even born here!" and "Is



CNN-POLITICS

## Quoted

**"They don't have to back down from a fight, but neither do they have to tip over the table and break the china at every cross word."**

TOM FOREMAN

that a dog on top of your car?"

My reporter's cynicism tells me the lunch was probably all that and more, despite the cheery press release about a spirit of cooperation and Southwestern chicken salad. But my citizen's desperate need for optimism makes me hope it was not. I want to believe that in fact somehow, someday, some way the battling factions in our government can start getting along again. They don't have to abandon their principles, but they don't need to stab each other with the cutlery over their differences either. They don't have to back down from a fight, but neither do they have to tip over the table and break the china at every cross word.

**S**o for the moment, I'm going to give them the benefit of the doubt. I'll believe both sides when they say it was a cordial meeting, a frank exchange of ideas and, in the spirit of cooperation, there was no crow on the menu.

— CNN's Tom Foreman is a regular on "AC360°"/www.ac360.com and "The Situation Room." of life in a universe of possibilities.

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# Storms surges at the center of attention as hurricane season ends

BILLY BECERRA/METRO



► Superstorm Sandy highlighted the need for more flexible warnings and greater focus on storm surge.

Friday marks the end of an Atlantic-Caribbean hurricane season where the greatest devastation was caused by water rather than wind, U.S. National Hurricane Center Director Rick Knabb said.

Accordingly, the center is ramping up efforts to develop new warnings that better convey the threat from the deadly storm surge pushed ashore by monsters like Sandy, which slammed the U.S. Northeast in October.

"We've been working toward a new storm surge warning for a few years now," Knabb told Reuters in an interview at the hurricane center in Miami. "And Debby, Isaac and Sandy show us how much we really need to hit the accelerator on getting that storm surge warning out the door."

Debbie, Isaac and Sandy were three of the four storms that hit the United States during the 2012 season.

Starting with a meeting next week, the forecasters will review their warning systems and speed up development of a separate warning system for

## A wave of risk

The United States is increasingly at risk from storm surge. Much of its densely populated Atlantic and Gulf coastlines lie less than 10 feet above sea level, and the seas are gradually rising as the Earth warms and ice caps and glaciers melt.

storm surge in hopes of having an experimental version ready to test in the next couple of

years, Knabb said.

It will include a high-resolution graphic showing how high the surge would grow and how far inland it would reach at various times. Storm surge rarely correlates neatly with wind strength, Knabb said.

"Hurricane-force winds and storm surge doesn't always occur in the same places or at the same times when a storm approaches," he said. "Where the storm surge occurs is very dependent upon details of the coastline and the elevations and all that." **REUTERS**

## Population increase in hurricane region

Population in the hurricane region is growing rapidly. From 1990-2008, population density increased by:

**32%**  
In Gulf coastal counties

**17%**  
In Atlantic coastal counties

**16%**  
In Hawaii Source: 2010 Census

## News in brief



### Obama, Romney break bread

**WASHINGTON.** Former U.S. Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney arrived at the White House on Thursday for private talks

with President Barack Obama, their first meeting since this month's election.

The lunch meeting is a chance for Obama to show bipartisanship at a time when he is seeking Republican cooperation to avoid a looming "fiscal cliff." For Romney, it was an opportunity to begin rebuilding his political stature.

**REUTERS**

### George H W Bush stable in hospital

**HOUSTON.** Former U.S. President George H. W. Bush is being treated at a Houston hospital for complications re-



lated to bronchitis and is in stable condition, the hospital said on Thursday.

"President Bush has been in and out of The Methodist Hospital in the Texas Medical Center being treated for complications related to his bronchitis," Bush's office said in a statement released by the hospital. "He is in stable condition, and is expected to be released within the next 72 hours."

Bush was admitted to the hospital last Friday, family spokesman Jim McGrath told Fox News. **REUTERS**



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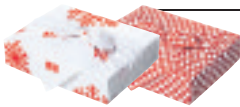
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# Meet the man behind a promising HIV vaccine

► Dr. Bob McNally is the CEO of GeoVax Labs, which is currently testing a vaccine for the prevention of HIV ► The vaccine is in Phase II clinical trials ► We asked him what this means for the future of the disease

## World AIDS Day

### How does this vaccine work?

You chop up the HIV virus and choose different parts of the genetic material that you want to put into a vaccine. Whoever is going to be vaccinated, you train their immune system so that when they see that particular genetic material they're going to develop what's called antibodies, as well as white cells against it. So if they're exposed to the virus, their system's already primed. It's the same thing that you do with the flu: You chop it up and you put it in some kind of a carrier, and then if you come in contact with somebody that has the flu your body kicks into action.

**If the same approach is used in other vaccines, why hasn't it been tried on HIV before?**

Scientists didn't know for many years what part, which genetic material to choose, and how [to] deliver it effectively. That's always been an issue, trying to figure out what works and what doesn't work. It really comes down to trial and error. One thing I want to make very clear is that by chopping up the virus and using pieces of it, you don't give anybody HIV. It's not the full HIV virus, only pieces.

**How is this vaccine different from other HIV preventive measures out there?**

We've been fighting this virus for 30 years. There's good oral drugs that are out there for people who are HIV-positive, but when it comes to prevention, there are some regimens where you can take drugs but there's



► Dr. Bob McNally

### Quoted: Dr. McNally

**"We've got glimmers of hope out there that a vaccine is on the horizon."**

cost and medical side effects from doing that — plus human beings aren't likely to take a pill every day for the flu or for polio. You just don't do that. A vaccine really is the only choice. Just like polio and small pox, it's vaccines that really turned the tide on these infections. We've got glimmers of hope out there that a vaccine is on the horizon. It's still going to be a few years off, but we're a lot further along than where we were a few years ago.

**If the vaccine is approved, will we someday see the end of new HIV diagnoses?**

I think we'll have one piece of it, but one of the other things is that HIV has different forms. It morphs frequently, and when you have a drug that goes after

### Why is it taking so long to get this vaccine out to the public?

Unfortunately with vaccines it's a long, long process, mostly because you can't expose people to HIV and see how they respond.

You do a whole series of primate studies and you figure out what combination and what dosing works, and then once you have that figured out you

have to do safety trials in humans. We are now at a point where we are finishing up the trials that have shown our vaccines are safe. Next, we will seek to measure how effective they are. This means taking things to the next level: Planning trials for populations whose members are likely to be exposed to the virus.

It will take 18 months or so to plan those trials, but that's basically what we're looking for the future.

# 17

Percent of men and 16 percent of women have had 15 or more sexual partners, per the LifeStyles 2011 Sexual Satisfaction Survey

# 38

Percent of males and 29 percent of females surveyed use a condom every time they have sex, per the same survey

one aspect of it [and] it morphs into something else, then the vaccine's not very effective.

**So will it ever be feasible to say there is a one-size-fits-all way to prevent and/or cure HIV?**

I think eventually, many years off into the future, once we find out what does work. We have a trial right now that we're doing in people who are HIV-positive, mostly just to see how safe the vaccine is. There's another one that's really of interest here, a trial we're going to do the first half of next year which combines oral drugs and a vaccine. ... What the National Institutes of Health is hoping to do is throw everything at it and see if we can eventually reduce viral load to the point where potentially it would be-

come nonexistent. We don't know how real that concept is, but it's certainly worth giving it a chance.

**That sounds promising.**

It just takes time. That's the unfortunate thing about the vaccine business — it doesn't happen overnight. But there's been tremendous progress. The NIH has been very supportive, not only of GeoVax's efforts but also of a number of separate clinical trials. Since the NIH is federally funded, U.S. taxpayers are, in effect, investing millions for this vaccine research. I think this is wonderful, because I believe these efforts are really starting to pay off.



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## Condom

### conundrums

We all learned about condoms in sex ed, but that doesn't mean we still don't have questions. We tapped Kate Sollecito, senior brand manager of sexual wellness for Ansell Healthcare Ltd., the makers of LifeStyles Condoms, for answers to some common condom queries.

**1 "Is it weird for women to carry condoms? I don't want to be perceived as slutty."** At one time condoms were buried behind the pharmacy counter, and it was considered embarrassing even for men to buy them. But our culture has changed, and with the increased risk and awareness of HIV/AIDS and sexually transmitted infections, the stigma surrounding condom use has decreased substantially. When a woman carries condoms, it shows she is smart, prepared and responsible: that she doesn't need to rely on her partner to practice safe sex.

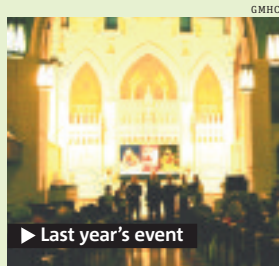
**2 "If you're with someone for a long period of time, do you still need to use condoms?"** Yes. If you are sexually active, even in a long-term, monogamous relationship, you could be at risk for an [STI] or HIV/AIDS. When you have sex with someone, you are exposed to everyone that person had sex with before you. Your partner may be infected and not even know it. Using a latex or polyisoprene condom is the best way to protect yourself from becoming infected.

**3 "I know it's safe to wear a condom during oral sex, but I'm not turned on by the idea. Any tips?"** Many people find the taste of condoms to be unpleasant and might be tempted to avoid using one during oral sex for that reason. To make oral sex more exciting, couples can try LifeStyles Flavors & Colors Condoms that have specially flavored lubrication in flavors like blueberry, vanilla, banana, chocolate and strawberry. There are also many flavored lubricants that can be used to enhance oral sex.

**4 "What should you do if your condom breaks?"** Although the chance of a condom breaking is very rare because all condoms sold in the U.S. are electronically tested, if you feel a condom break, stop intercourse, withdraw immediately and contact your physician. Latex and polyisoprene condoms, when used properly, can help reduce the risk of spreading HIV/AIDS and many other STIs. Lambskin condoms do not provide protection from STIs. Improper storage can lead to premature aging and deterioration of condoms, so be sure to store your condoms in a cool, dry place and avoid exposure to moisture, direct sunlight and fluorescent light. Never store condoms in your wallet or glove compartment! Lack of lubrication can also lead to condom breakage, so use lubricated condoms or even add additional water-based lubricant if necessary. ● **METRO/ME**

## What's going on in NYC

"Out of the Darkness: World AIDS Day Vigil and Gathering," which is the 21st annual New York City ceremony in recognition of World AIDS Day, begins Saturday at 6 p.m. Here's the lineup:



► Last year's event

► At 6 p.m., there will be a candlelight vigil walking procession from Trinity Lutheran Church of Manhattan (164 W. 100th St.) to Advent Lutheran Church/Broadway United Church of Christ (2504 Broadway).  
► At 6:30 at Advent Lutheran Church/Broadway United Church of Christ, there will

be a reading of the names of those lost to AIDS as well as time for reflection.  
► At 7, the church will host the World AIDS Day Gathering, a nondenominational event featuring speakers, performers and refreshments. Pieces of the International AIDS Memorial Quilt will be on display.





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## Coming up

**'Killing Them Softly'**

**Friday** — Brad Pitt stars in this dark underworld thriller about a pair of small-time crooks that rob a mobster card game. Soon an enforcer (Pitt) is sent in to make sure that debts are properly paid.

**'Hyde Park on Hudson'**

**Dec. 7 (limited)** — Bill Murray, Laura Linney and Olivia Williams star in this depiction of the affair between FDR and his distant cousin, Margaret Stuckley, during the landmark visit of the first reigning British royals on American soil.

## WEEKEND

► Our Winter Movie Guide opens with the Oscar season's most promising offerings that you'll be hearing about well into 2013 ► Those most likely to score a golden statuette are all here

## THE CONTENDERS

**1 'Amour'**  
**Dec. 19 (limited)** — The winner of the 2012 Palme d'Or at the Cannes Film Festival has yet to leave anything but a stirring impression on those who have seen it. Austrian filmmaker Michael Haneke's depiction of an elderly couple facing their mortality guarantees a beautifully heart-rending experience.

**2 'Zero Dark Thirty'**  
**Dec. 19 (limited)** — After her Oscar win for 2008's "The Hurt Locker," Kathryn Bigelow presents another military drama in the Middle East, this time following the hunt and execution of Osama Bin Laden.

**3 'The Impossible'**  
**Dec. 21 (limited)** — Naomi Watts and Ewan McGregor star in the true story of one family's struggle to survive the tsunami that struck the coast of Thailand in 2004.

**4 'Not Fade Away'**  
**Dec. 21 (limited)** — The mastermind behind "The Sopranos," David Chase, writes and directs this nostalgic drama about a fledgling rock band trying to make it big in 1960s New Jersey. And yes, James Gandolfini (formerly known as Tony Soprano) does make an appearance.

**5 'On the Road'**  
**Dec. 21 (limited)** — This long-awaited adaptation of Jack Kerouac's beloved beatnik novel stars Garrett Hedlund, Kirsten Dunst and of course a topless-at-one-point Kristen Stewart as a bunch of roustabout rebels in the late '50s, trying to discover what it means to be free.

**6 'Django Unchained'**  
**Dec. 25** — Vigilante justice is the cornerstone of any Quentin Tarantino film, and his 2012 offering promises to deliver the obligatory amount of gratuitous bloodshed. Jamie



► Bilbo Baggins (Martin Freeman, center) is confronted by some cranky dwarves.

**'The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey'**

**Dec. 14** — The first installment of Peter Jackson's latest Tolkien trilogy is sure to pick up at least a few technical awards for its daring method of shooting film at twice the speed of regular film (48 frames per second, as opposed to the traditional 24).



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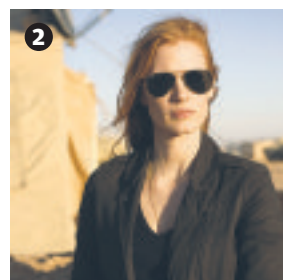
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LAURIE SPARHAM



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8

SCOTT GREEN

Fox plays a freed slave who is assisted in revenge by his mentor, played by Christoph Waltz.

**7 'Les Mis  rables'**  
**Dec. 25** — Some Oscar wins are practically in the hands of director Tom Hooper already for his adaptation of the Broadway musical, originally penned as a novel by Victor Hugo. By recording the live singing performances of stars Russell Crowe, Hugh Jackman, Anne Hathaway and others, the film stands to break new ground for musical adaptations that eschew the cheese factor.

**8 'Promised Land'**  
**Dec. 28 (limited)** — Matt Damon, Frances McDormand, John Krasinski and Rosemarie DeWitt star in this film about a natural gas company salesman who experiences a conflict of interest when arriving in a small town that is the next target for prospecting.



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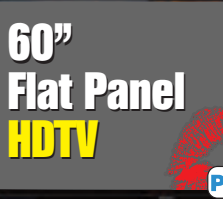
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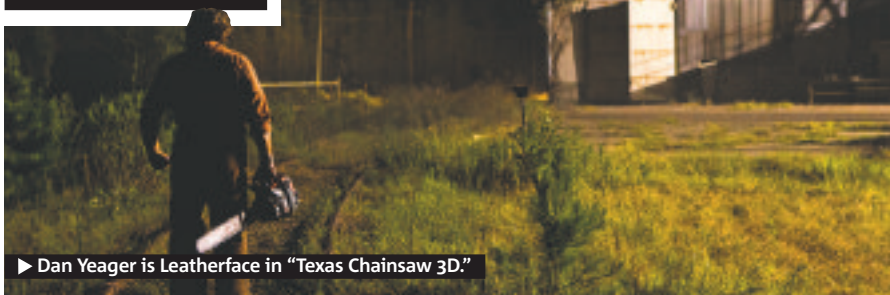
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## winter movie guide

Sci-fi, horror  
and action

▶ Dan Yeager is Leatherface in "Texas Chainsaw 3D."

Rock 'em  
shock 'em

▶ Despite being the season for high-concept movies, the horror and action genres have plenty to offer this winter

## SCI-FI/HORROR

## 'The Collection'

**Nov. 30** — As a sequel to "The Collector," this film's psychopathic killer's only survivor is hired to rescue a young woman who is set to become the latest member of the collection.

## 'Texas Chainsaw 3D'

**Jan. 4** — It's yet another remake of the classic horror flick, but this time the story follows a young woman who journeys to Texas to gather her inheritance, which happens to be in the home of Leatherface.

## 'Storage 24'

**Jan. 11** — A former couple goes to a storage warehouse to divide their belongings with friends but become trapped when the power dies. In a typical twist, they soon realize they're not alone — they're being stalked by a mysterious predator.

## 'Mama'

**Jan. 18** — Annabel and Lucas, a young couple, must raise his two young nieces after being left to fend for themselves by their late parents. They soon discover the girls' dark past,

which includes a relentless spirit called "Mama."

## 'The Last Exorcism 2: The Beginning of the End'

**March 1** — If you can get past the film's misleading predecessor, the sequel picks up somewhere down the track as Nell Sweetzer attempts to move on from the past, but is confronted by the sinister force that previously possessed her.

## ACTION

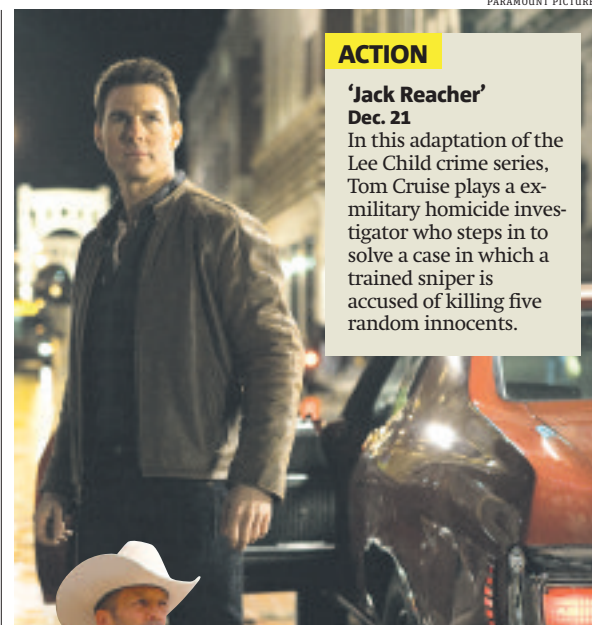
## 'Gangster Squad'

**Jan. 11** — If Ryan Gosling and Emma Stone aren't enough to get you interested, this film looks set to be one of the best winter releases. The action flick follows the LAPD's struggle with the East Coast Mafia during the '40s and '50s.

## 'Parker'

**Jan. 25** — Jason Statham steps back into his signature role as an action hero, but this time he plays a thief who forms an alliance with an unlikely friend (Jennifer Lopez) to get revenge on his gang.

## 'Hansel and Gretel Witch Hunters'



## ACTION

## 'Jack Reacher'

**Dec. 21**  
In this adaptation of the Lee Child crime series, Tom Cruise plays a ex-military homicide investigator who steps in to solve a case in which a trained sniper is accused of killing five random innocents.

Jason  
'Stetson'  
Statham

**Jan. 25** — The name pretty much sums it up — a modern take on the classic fairy tale in which we see Hansel and Gretel on a pursuit for vengeance against the witches who tortured them as children.

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## Comedies



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### 'This is 40'

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## Ho ho ho ha ha ha

► All that holiday family time will leave most of us in need of a few good laughs

### 'Playing for Keeps'

**Dec. 7** — Gerard Butler seems to be the male Katherine Heigl of romantic comedies. Does it matter that "The Bounty Hunter" was terrible? Not to Butler fans. Here he stars as an ex-soccer player who attempts to put his life back together with the help of an old flame.

### 'Save the Date'

**Dec. 14 (limited)** — Lizzy Caplan and Alison Brie star as two sisters who take diverging paths when it comes to love and marriage.

### 'The Guilt Trip'

**Dec. 19** — This road trip movie starring Seth Rogen and



► Maggie Smith is an opera diva turned retirement home resident in "Quartet."

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Barbra Streisand aims to plumb the treasure trove of jokes to be made about a mother and son making a road trip across the country.

### 'Quartet'

**Jan. 11 (limited)** — Dustin Hoffman directs this comedy about a British retirement home for opera singers and the longtime resident who reunites with a lost love. Pretty much, it's "Best Exotic Marigold Quartet."

### 'A Haunted House'

**Jan. 11** — Marlon Wayans, Cedric the Entertainer and Nick Swardson finally give "Paranormal Activity" and all those exorcist movies the send-up they deserve.

### 'Movie 43'

**Jan. 25** — Like those monster ensemble rom-coms like "Valentine's Day" and "New Year's Eve," this comedy packs in a load of stars but promises to be a least a little bit more enjoyable than the aforementioned cheesefests.

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► Paul Giamatti inquires about the street drug dubbed soy sauce in "John Dies at the End."

### 'John Dies at the End'

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## 'Back to 1942'

This Chinese film documents one of the biggest crises in the country's history: a tragic drought in the Henan province. It stars Adrien Brody as an American journalist who experiences the events first-hand. Tim Robbins plays an Italian priest.

## 'California Solo'

This drama stars Robert Carlyle as a retired British rock star who works on a farm in California but is forced to reevaluate his life after he faces deportation due to DUI charges.

## 'Universal Soldier: Day of Reckoning'

As a sequel to the 1992 film, "Universal Soldier," "Reckoning" follows an average guy who discovers that his wife and daughter have been murdered when he awakens from a coma. He seeks vengeance, which puts him against an army of ruthless soldiers.

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## THE WISEGUY

Ray Liotta knows how to give a hell of a fake beating. He's also good at taking one, as he does in his latest film — mobster drama "Killing Them Softly." Though fans are still asking him to say lines from his iconic role in 1994's "Goodfellas," the New Jersey native doesn't mind slipping back into the role of a gangster for Andrew Dominik's new film — especially since, as he says, he's playing a good one this time around.

**In this film, the mob underworld serves a microcosm for the country as a whole. So many people felt victimized by the 2008 financial crisis, which is when this film is set. The mobsters who get ripped off in the card game represent the general public. What do you think is the message of that?**

Just that everybody needs money. Everybody got hit. I'm not sure, but I guess it happens to all walks of life. You don't think of it as maybe hurting people who do illegal



▶ Ray Liotta plays mobster Markie Trattman in "Killing Them Softly."

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things, but it stands to reason that I guess would be across the board — good guys and bad guys.

**It's refreshing how the film places the mob in the context of the crisis. Is that why you wanted the role?**

That was in the book. ... But that's not why I did it. I did it more just because it was a really interesting story and it was nice to play somebody

who was the victim as opposed to the aggressor. It was different in terms of that bad guys that I've played.

**We've gotten such an education on mob culture with "The Sopranos" and "Goodfellas." It's hard to believe that there are still new stories to tell about it.**

There's a lot of stories. Just the same with the superhero stuff — it's just the same kind of story with different outfits.

▶ Ray Liotta can't help it if he makes the perfect mobster ▶ Why he couldn't resist 'Killing Them Softly'

## Q&amp;A

**What was the strangest mob role you've been asked to do?**

▶ I get to play cops — bad cops, some bad guys. ... I was asked to do "The Sopranos," but it wasn't the right time to do it. In the beginning of my career, I handled it very delicately in terms of limiting the bad guys. The irony of it all is I've never been in a fight in my whole life, yet they ask me to do these kinds of guys.

**You take such a beating in this movie. Have you ever been injured when doing any of these kinds of scenes?**

No. It hurts more when you're the guy who's doing the beating. The biggest thing about that is trusting the people that you're working with. ... There's always that fear that maybe you'll get hit. The biggest thing is to not anticipate what you know is coming

and the most frustrating thing about it is, I know I could have beaten those two guys up who do the beating on me [in this movie]. It took us, like, two days to do that one little scene — but over a period of time because we couldn't finish the scene because one of the guys' backs went out. So, they were very fragile, those two.

**Have you ever stepped back to appreciate a good beating you've done?**

I don't watch the monitors or playback or anything like that. I just trust the stunt coordinator or the DP [director of photography] or whoever's behind the camera. I know watching "Goodfellas" when I went after that guy that lives across the street from Karen, who Lorraine Bracco played — I knew that was a pretty severe beating. I could just tell from the way people reacted. I was really in the zone there. That poor guy.



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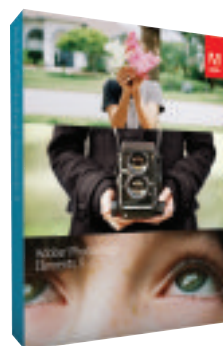
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O'Connor's new works, "Secret Mary" and "Poem," are reminiscent of Hurricane Sandy in the way they totally upend expectations of time, space and meaning. The usual signposts are missing: The dances have no narrative, "Mary" has no music and in both pieces everything sometimes just stops dead. Barefoot dancers in neatly pressed clothing (by James Kidd) interact in mysterious ways, executing conventional ballet steps in what seems like slow



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## TV watch list

► Rick Grimes (Andrew Lincoln) readies to meet the Governor on "The Walking Dead."

## 'The Walking Dead'

**DRAMA.** Rick and the prison crew finally face off with the Governor and the Woodbury survivors, just in case the major character deaths already seen this season haven't provided enough shock value for you. **Midseason finale, Sunday, 9 p.m., AMC**

## 'Finding Mrs. Claus'

**MOVIE.** Mira Sorvino plays Mrs. Claus, who feels neglected by

her workaholic husband. C'mon Kris Kringle — the lady won an Oscar, give her some love! **Sunday, 9 p.m., Lifetime**

## 'Boardwalk Empire'

**DRAMA.** If this season finale's "Noooo!" death is Nucky in his battle for the control of Atlantic City with Gyp Rosetti, we're walking away from this series — until next season, at least. **Season finale, Sunday, 9 p.m., HBO** ● **AMBER RAY**

# Titus Andronicus support 'Local Business'

► With a lean, mean new album, Jersey punk band are bringing listeners up to speed, fighting negativity and playing better as a unit than ever before

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When Titus began rising to popularity, one of the visual elements that stood out most was Stickles' big, bushy beard. He shaved it after the tour for "The Monitor," and he says he doesn't miss it.

"I just was sick of it. I wanted to move on, live a life without it," he says. "Now I talk about it more. Go figure."



With the first words that Patrick Stickles sings on "Local Business," the recently released third album by Titus Andronicus, it would seem that the album would be over before it's even started.

"OK, I think by now we've established everything is inherently worthless," sings Stickles.

But he says this opening salvo is not as defeatist as it reads on paper, and that it's more about updating listeners just joining the program.

"I thought it would be a good way to start our discussion, and it was kind of a point that we belabored quite a lot on the first two records," says Stickles. "So you just get everybody up to speed and go on from there."

And where exactly can it go from there?

"Hopefully by the end, the hopeful element of it is a little more explicit," says Stickles, "in that in the void of meaning we are empowered to create meaning."

It seems that Titus have created a lot of meaning with "Local Business." This is the band's first album where the lineup that recorded it is the same one

touring to support it. After a lot of members have come and gone, does Stickles feel like this lineup will be the one that's finally in it for the long haul?

"I felt that about all the bands but it hasn't panned out like that," he says, before adding, almost cautiously. "But so far this one is going good."



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#### Wild rice, pecan and cranberry salad

Servings: 6 to 8

##### Dressing ingredients:

- ¼ cup white wine vinegar
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- 4 teaspoons pomegranate molasses
- 4 teaspoons finely chopped shallot (from about ½ of a medium shallot)
- 1 teaspoon finely grated orange zest (from 1 orange)
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- ½ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper



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##### Salad ingredients:

- 2 cups wild rice
- 4 cups water
- 1 cup toasted pecans, coarsely chopped
- ¾ cup dried cranberries, coarsely chopped
- ¼ cup coarsely chopped fresh Italian parsley leaves

Kosher salt  
Freshly ground black pepper

##### Dressing instructions:

- 1 Whisk all of the ingredients together in a small,

nonreactive bowl until combined, and set aside.

##### For the salad:

- 1 Place the rice in a fine-mesh strainer and rinse under cold running water to wash off any dust or dirt.

- 2 Place the rice and measured water in a medium saucepan and bring to a boil over high heat. Cover with a tight-fitting lid and reduce the heat to low. Simmer undisturbed until the

rice has absorbed most of the water and the grains have swollen (some may split to reveal their white pith), about 30 to 60 minutes. (In general, the longer and darker the kernels of rice are, the longer they need to cook.)

- 3 If some liquid remains after the rice is done, drain the rice through a colander. Return it to the saucepan, fluff with a fork, and cook, uncovered, over low heat to let any excess liquid evaporate, about one minute. Transfer the rice to a large, nonreactive bowl.

- 4 Add the pecans, cranberries and parsley. Rewhisk the dressing, drizzle it over the rice mixture and toss to combine. Taste and season with salt and pepper as needed. Refrigerate until thoroughly chilled and the flavors have melded, at least one hour.

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Today, Roseanne Barr is still apparently running for president, Garry Shandling is feeling accomplished, Carrie Underwood is not actually flirting and Joan Rivers is on top of the news.

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I haven't conceded the election since my votes in 24 states have NOT BEEN COUNTED yet! what kind of system do we have-a winner b4 the count?

#### @GarryShandling

Big day: Just paid-off my student loan!

#### @carrieunderwood

That awkward moment when you wave at a cute little girl and the dude standing right in front of her thinks you're flirting with him!

#### @Joan\_Rivers

Lindsay Lohan was just arrested in NYC for allegedly punching a woman in the face. 50 bucks says it was a TV critic who hated "Liz & Dick."



Roseanne Barr

### Talking points

#### Berry sells her house of shame

**Halle Berry** is reportedly selling the Hollywood Hills mansion where her recent Thanksgiving celebrations ended in a brawl between fiancé **Olivier Martinez** and ex-boyfriend **Gabriel Aubry**, according to Hollyscoop. But the Oscar winner isn't

unloading it because of the recent bad memories. Berry secretly listed the five-bedroom, 5,900-square-foot home a couple of weeks before Thanksgiving and received an \$11 million offer last week, but she's holding out for more.

#### Brad Pitt isn't the best St. Nick

**Brad Pitt's** memories of discovering that Santa Claus isn't real are apparently strong enough that he's taken



► The scene of the sucker punch



Lohan can kiss that Emmy goodbye.

ed her. Lohan was heard yelling "Are you kidding me?" as she was led away, a source says. She was released four hours later and given a citation and a court date. Being a refined wordsmith, I'm not good at math, but by my calculation that is probably her millionth court appointment to date.

Remember when we learned that Lohan was cast as **Elizabeth Taylor** in the Lifetime Original Movie "Liz & Dick" and everyone was like: "Oh, I can kinda see it?" After all, both are former child stars, and Taylor, like Lohan, had to live her life under the glare of the paparazzi. But Taylor would never spend her time in a trashy nightclub sucker punching various members of the bridge and tunnel set. No, she would spend her evenings with Bubbles the chimp or hanging out at various high-stakes poker clubs, willing to give up her diamond earrings as a bet while she purred, "These always brought me luck." Only really bad, awful trashy people spit on one another in nightclubs. Lohan, please stop. Like **Bill Murray**, I'm going to start walking off buildings because I just can't take it anymore.



► Pitt: He's no Santa Claus.

steps to shield his own children from the disappointment. "I'm not real big on the whole Santa thing. I thought it was a huge act of betrayal when I was kid," he tells E! News. "When I found out the truth, I was like, 'Why? Why? Why would you lie to me?'" So what's his solution when it comes to the six children he shares with **Angelina Jolie**? "What I tell them is some people believe it's Santa, and some people believe it's parents, and you get to believe whatever you

want," Pitt explains.

#### Jones: Still cast on 'Two and a Half Men'

Despite making news with a video in which he called "Two and a Half Men" filth and urged viewers to stop watching, **Angus T. Jones** will be returning to the hit sitcom when production resumes in January, according to TMZ. "Angus expects to report to work after the holiday break," a source says. "He intends to honor his contract."

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## Lohan: Here we go again



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#### Moore likes 'em young

**Demi Moore** has reportedly moved on from her year-old split from **Ashton Kutcher** and is now dating 26-year-old art dealer **Vito Schnabel**, according to People magazine. Moore, who recently celebrated her 50th birthday, and Schnabel were reportedly "dancing and grinding all over each other" at a recent party in Jodhpur, India, thrown by **Naomi Campbell**. "It's really happening," a source says of the pairing. "There was a time when Vito was kind of cool with [Kutcher], so it seems a little weird." Moore and Schnabel are expected to attend the upcoming **Art Basel** celebration in Miami.

The eternal cougar ... and her cub



## Letters

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### Harmony starts within the family

**RE: "AMID STRIFE, A STORY OF BROTHERHOOD" (METRO, NOV. 27)** In a world filled with turmoil and tragedy, it's refreshing to hear good news. When I saw the letter to the editor headline, I thought the story would be provide me with an example of brotherhood. However, as I read it I realized that this story wasn't providing me with news of true "brotherhood." Brotherhood has to do with unity and love between brothers. Unfortunately, this is not what Ethiopian Jews are experiencing in their new homeland of Israel. According to various sources, Ethiopian Jews are experiencing racism in Israel and are fighting for equality among those who still reject the idea of nonwhites being

Jewish. It's possible the European Jews overlooked the scripture in the Torah which indicated that even Moses was married to an Ethiopian (according to Numbers 12:1). When are people ever going to realize that God made us all and that we were put here to get along? If the European Jews can't get along with other Jews just because of their color, it's no wonder they can't get along with Palestinians.

PAUL HUNTER, VIA E-MAIL

### GOP: The party of scare tactics

**RE: "DONKEYS DON'T REALLY HAVE MUCH TO BRAY ABOUT" (METRO, NOV. 29)** For Republicans, budget deficits become an issue only when there is a Democrat in the White

House. For the last 32 years, we have had 20 years of Republican administrations. None of them ended his term with a balanced budget. Republicans always use a strategy of scaring people during election campaign. A few years ago, it was about security; now, it is about Greece's economic collapse.

JEAN KAZADI, VIA E-MAIL

Both political parties have contributed to our deficit dilemma. So, if we go over the fiscal cliff, let's not waste time and energy pointing fingers. We'll need those reserves to rebound from the unfortunate debacle, which should have been avoided with sincere bipartisan debate and compromise. However, if the worst occurs, our national embarrassment

should be inducement enough for the electorate to choose better representatives — those who will fulfill their fiduciary responsibilities and who will put the nation first.

GLENN HAYES, VIA E-MAIL

### Man's best friend deserves better

**RE: "GERMAN ZOOPHILES LASH OUT AT BESTIALITY BAN" (METRO, NOV. 29)** First: I feel an apology is due to all the abused, disrespected animals. Second: I was horrified and sickened by these deplorable egomaniacs who have convinced themselves that they somehow know what animals desire sexually. Let's face the facts: Animals copulate to perpetuate their species, not to carry out some perverted sex act! These people are CLEARLY disturbed and are unable to carry on a loving, passionate, verbal relationship with humans. This again proves to me that animals really are far better than us at times.

LEE ANN, VIA E-MAIL

## Horoscope

♊ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** Success is possible in a joint endeavor if you and the other party lean on each other for support. It's a case where neither one is able to successfully handle things alone — but together, you'll do quite well.

♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** You might appear to not quite know what you want or where you're going — but in reality, you'll simply be searching for someone with a unique idea for you to get hold of.

♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** Focus on anything you can do that could benefit group endeavors. Some of your successes are to come from working on humanitarian pursuits.

♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** A winning attitude will be reflected in all your pursuits, endeavors and relationships. Conversely, a pessimistic frame of mind will cloud your life.

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** You're well equipped to handle changes or any unexpected adjustments, even those you had nothing to do with. You won't mind.

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** Don't hesitate to adjust an agreement that isn't benefiting as many people as you thought it would. You can accomplish your aims with a few minor tweaks.

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** You're in an excellent cycle, in which the promised rewards are likely to turn out to be much larger than anyone thought.

♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** When you choose to use it, your ability to get along with everybody is one of your greatest assets. It isn't likely you'll be bored with anyone's company during this present cycle.

♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** You're an especially strong finisher, so give as much attention as possible to an important matter that you're anxious to conclude. You should make things turn out the way you want.

♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** There is a strong possibility that you could meet someone new with whom you'll have much in common. It'll be a relationship that will only grow stronger with time.

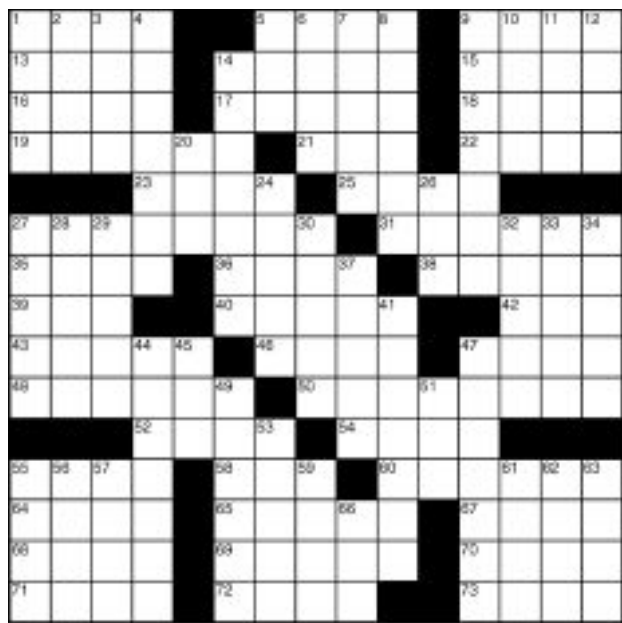
♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** An opportunity to enhance your material security could drop in your lap, but you must be smart enough to spot it. Don't let it go just because you think it's too good to be true.

♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** You might have to handle a difficult assignment similar to one that you previously managed quite well. Don't be afraid to employ tactics that worked well in the past.

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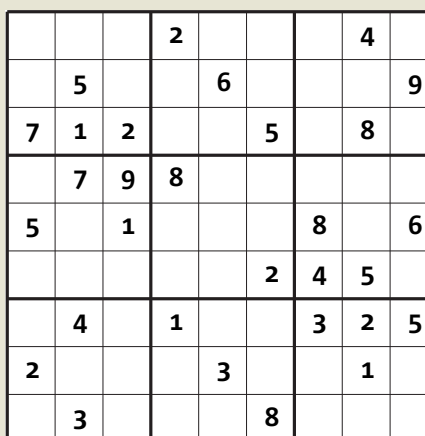
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- 5 Sapporo sashes
- 9 Gripper
- 13 Collar style
- 14 Talk in a monotone
- 15 Mild rejoinder
- 16 Bump on a frog
- 17 Waterloo resident
- 18 Ephron of "You've Got Mail"
- 19 Torrents of rain
- 21 DJ's platters
- 22 Garnish
- 23 Jules Verne captain
- 25 Bean curd
- 27 Wildlife treat (2 wds.)
- 31 Go over again
- 35 Manitoba tribe
- 36 Just for guys
- 38 Dig deep
- 39 Cheerful color
- 40 Antitoxin
- 42 Razor brand
- 43 Anaheim pro
- 46 Fictional plantation
- 47 By oneself
- 48 Saffron dish
- 50 Put out of sight (2 wds.)
- 52 "Fernando" band
- 54 Caviar source
- 55 Speech imperfection
- 58 Just a —!
- 60 Win over
- 64 Rightmost column
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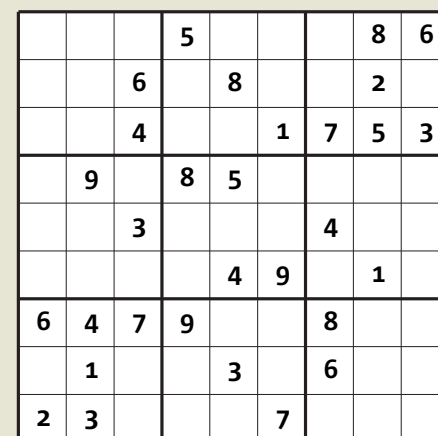


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- 2 Rocky Mountain state
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- 4 Political alliance
- 5 El Dorado loot
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- 9 Dare
- 10 Borodin prince
- 11 Graceful wrap
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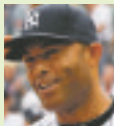
## Report: Mo near contract

The Yankees continue playing their greatest hits, with Mariano Rivera the latest 40-something to be nearing a contract.

Rivera, who tore his ACL in May and missed the remainder of the season, should finalize a one-year deal on Friday, according to reports.

The contract would be in the same neighborhood as Andy Pettitte, who signed a \$12 million deal on Wednesday at the age of 40.

Rivera, whose 43rd birthday was Thursday, is the all-time saves leader. He had a 2.16 ERA and five saves in nine games last year. ● **METRO**



# UNDER PRESSURE

► Sanchez faces burden of proving himself for future ► Can the Jets go forward with him under center? ► Ryan places blame for struggles on self

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It may not matter if Mark Sanchez shows up for the Jets at this point, but they still need to know if he's their future.

This Sunday against the Cardinals represents a chance for him to redeem his season. The Jets must win their last five games to even have a shot at the playoffs, placing a heavy burden on Sanchez.

"It's an everyday thing. I don't think it changes just because we need to win a couple games here in a short period of time. It's just the nature of the position," Sanchez said. "The most important thing in these next five games, as important as they are, don't change and try and do something crazy and make something up and try and be somebody you're not. [I have to] just keep leading this team and do the very best I can."

Jets head coach Rex Ryan is convinced the issues with the league's No. 28 total offense go far beyond Sanchez's mis-cues.

"When you look at it, there are things that all of us can improve, and to saddle, to put



► Sanchez was sacked twice and turned the ball over twice against the Patriots.

that blame on one person, I don't think that's appropriate. If anything, that would be more directed at me than it is anybody else," Ryan said. "How am I as a coach? I have to get better and get this team

## ON TV SUNDAY

Jets vs. Cardinals  
1 p.m., FOX

## Scott backs off criticism

Linebacker Bart Scott, who ripped Jets fans who tore into the team in a now viral YouTube video, was more circumspect Thursday.

Ryan talked to Scott about his comments and the Jets veteran seemed more contrite a day after his criticism.

"I have a tremendous amount of respect for fans and what they do and the sacrifice they make. I'm aware of that. But when I'm asked about certain things that were said—which I didn't know—of course I'm going to protect my team and protect my organization," Scott said. ● **METRO/KD**

to where we don't turn the ball over, so I focus on those areas. But as a team we have to get better. You don't just put that on one individual. If that was the answer, if it's just one guy, then that's easy, but it's not. We have to protect the football as a football team."

But the pressure still falls on Sanchez to perform against the Cardinals.

"Being the quarterback of a team, there's always more pressure and attention at that position, so I don't treat it differently than anything else," Sanchez said. "We just need to win some games here. We've done it in the past, so hopefully we'll do it again."

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# Wilson, Bradshaw to carry game plan

The Giants are well aware of the Redskins' quick-strike offense, and hope to do everything they can to limit possessions for Robert Griffin and Co.

Giants head coach Tom Coughlin noted during his weekly press conference that running backs Ahmad Bradshaw and rookie David Wilson will need to be more prominent in the game plan — even though Washington (5-6) has a run defense that's ranked third in the league, allowing just 89.2 yards per game.

"They have scored 69 points in the last two weeks," said Coughlin about Washington's big-play potential, adding it's time for the running game to get going, particularly Wilson. "I told him to 'ratchet it up [and] let's go.' ... He's ready to go. It's his time now. He's got to do it."

Wilson has no choice but to



► Wilson has just 24 carries this season.

ON TV MONDAY

Giants at Redskins  
8:20 p.m., ESPN

be ready to go, as he and Bradshaw will be the only two running backs guaranteed to suit up Monday. The Giants signed two running backs on Tuesday — Gregg Lumpkin and Ryan Torain — but it seems unlikely either will be ready to execute the game plan on short notice.

"I don't know [if I'll play]," Lumpkin said. "If I can learn this as fast as I can, then I hope so, wherever that may be."

The good news for the Giants is they've already been through losing a key member of their rushing attack before. During the 2007 season, Derrick Ward fractured his fibula in Week 12. Ward was placed on injured reserve, which created an opportunity for then-rookie Bradshaw as the team went on to win the Super Bowl.

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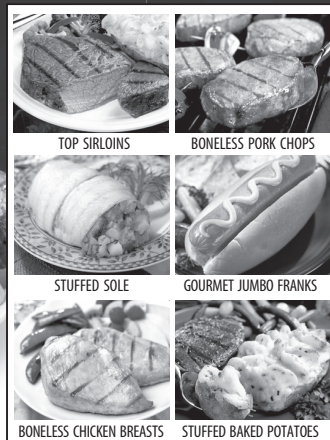
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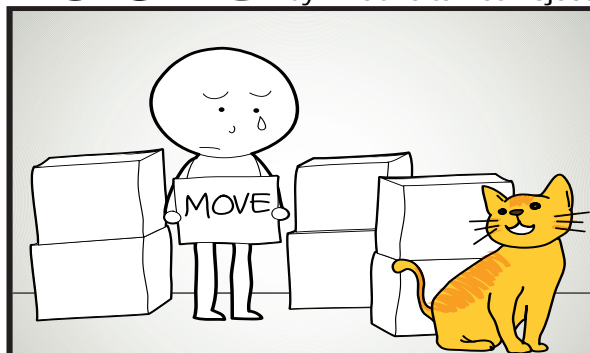
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